



SS16: COL DE BRAUS / LA CABANETTE 2

Date:	25.01.2026		
Day:	4	Flash N°:	22
Special Stage:	16	Distance:	12,50 km
Weather:	2°C – Sunny		
Road conditions:	Wet tarmac until the last two kilometers. Snow and ice afterwards.		

SS16: Fourmaux very fast, Solberg so close...

Adrien Fourmaux (Hyundai) set the fastest time in SS15, on the second pass between Col de Braus and Cabanette (12.5 km). Oliver Solberg, still leading the 94th Rallye Monte-Carlo in his Toyota, had another scare but pushed Elfyn Evans back to almost a minute behind him (58.1 seconds to be exact). This means he can now manage quietly the second and final run through Col de Turini (SS17, Power Stage), starting at 1 p.m. local time.

'It's okay, I went a little wide in a corner, but I managed to get going again straight away,' admitted Solberg Junior at the stop point. Attacking without calculation on a road that was still very treacherous, the young Swede (24) would probably have set the fastest time in SS16 had it not been for that slight deviation from the trajectory in a left-hand corner. It was the best way to stay focused as a historic victory in every respect still looms at the end of the 23.4 km of SS17.

By returning to his initial lead over Evans on Sunday morning, around a minute (instead of 42 secondes after SS15), Solberg probably did what was needed to put an end to any last hopes Evans and Ogier might have had, with a championship still to play for in 2026.

Quotes

55. MCERLEAN-TREACY

4 Studs, 2 Non-Studs

[Crashed into a barrier] "Got caught out on the slush and understeered into the armco. I'm sorry for the team, it has been a disastrous weekend."



20. PADDON-KENNARD

6 Studs

“It’s definitely better. Three minutes faster [than SS14] but there are a lot of melting snow and slush which makes it even harder. When the grip is constant, I enjoy the car but when it’s not, I have no confidence.”

18. KATSUTA-JOHNSTON

5 Studs, 1 Non-Stud

“There is some slush on the line. It’s melted and I just hit a bit the barrier outside.”

95. ARMSTRONG-BYRNE

4 Studs, 2 Non-Studs

Stopped into the SS16, no more information regarding his participation on SS17 at the moment.

11. NEUVILLE-WYDAEGHE

4 Studs, 2 Non-Studs

“It was okay. We discovered a problem with a tyre before the stage. We had to change to another one that is not in a good shape. Then, I saw Josh’s [McErlean] lines and took it a bit steady. There was a nail in the tyre.”

16. FOURMAUX-CORIA

4 Studs, 2 Non-Studs

“Today, we are not fighting with Rally1 cars, but with Rally3 one, so we have to try to get the best of it. We were betting on the tyre choice and I think it is going to work. I had a very good stage. I’m quite happy with this one to be fair.”

1. OGIER-LANDAIS

6 Studs

“Still much easier, because there was a little line at least. We are just enjoying the nice weather.”

33. EVANS-MARTIN

6 Studs

“Maybe the Hyundai have snow tyres, it’s pretty difficult now on studs.”

99. SOLBERG-EDMONDSON

6 Studs

“It was tricky, because the beginning was nice. In the end, they [the gravel crew] said “maybe” snow was there and there was definitely snow! I went a bit wide. The rest was perfect. Now, I just want to finish the last one, it’s so tricky out there. It’s difficult to drive, not to attack too much and to keep the rhythm. I’m just trying to have a clean day. I’m calm.”



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Classifications

SS16

1	■ A. FOURMAUX		10:36.2	-	-
2	■ O. SOLBERG		10:41.6	+ 05.4	+ 05.4
3	■ T. NEUVILLE		10:53.3	+ 11.7	+ 17.1
4	■ S. OGIER		10:55.2	+ 01.9	+ 19.0
5	■ E. EVANS		10:57.9	+ 02.7	+ 21.7
6	■ T. KATSUTA		10:57.9	-	+ 21.7
7	■ H. PADDON		11:06.8	+ 08.9	+ 30.6
	■ J. MCERLEAN		-	+ -	+ -
	■ G. MUNSTER		-	+ -	+ -
	■ J. ARMSTRONG		-	+ -	+ -

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After SS16

POS	DRIVER	TEAM	TOTAL TIME	DIFF PREV	DIFF 1st
1	🇸🇪 O. SOLBERG	toyota	04:04:45.8	-	-
2	🇬🇧 E. EVANS	toyota	04:05:44.1	+ 58.3	+ 58.3
3	🇫🇷 S. OGIER	toyota	04:06:37.2	+ 53.1	+ 01:51.4
4	🇫🇷 A. FOURMAUX	hyundai	04:10:33.5	+ 03:56.3	+ 05:47.7
5	🇧🇪 T. NEUVILLE	hyundai	04:14:37.3	+ 04:03.8	+ 09:51.5
6	🇯🇵 T. KATSUTA	toyota	04:17:14.4	+ 02:37.1	+ 12:28.6
7	🇬🇧 H. PADDON	hyundai	04:21:53.3	+ 04:38.9	+ 17:07.5

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